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Dear Mr. Thorpe,

I do appreciate your letter, and the thousands like it I've gotten over the years.

I would like to think that the hoped-for time, as you put it, has come, but the years have taught me not to be optimistic about this.

As we saw with the House committee that was to have investigated the political assassinations, there is a great unwillingness by officials to face the realities, and given the power of the executive agencies, their fear. When you get to the 1/21/64 executive session transcripts in Post Mortem you'll get a glimpse of this, more if you read the transcript of six days leter, in Whitewash IV.

However, the coming exploitation of the anniversary may generate new pressure and with luck might lead to an honest investigation. So, it is worth the time and effort to make your desires known to the House and Senate.

What else can you do? Inform yourself and try to inform others. Great as are the odds against it, this is the way the system is supposed to work and we should each of us try to make it work. I see the Warren Report as a great subversion of our system, the same being true about the errant executive agencies.

Great as these odds are, I give testimony to the fact that they can be overcome.

The FBI's corruption in one of my early Freedom of Information lawsuits led the Congress to amend the Act to open the FBI and CIA files and you are, I think, old enough to recall what then did come out. Sure, they found ways to clamp down again, but we did do much good with that success and despite official efforts we continue to get benefots from it.

We never know if any effort can or will succeed but one thing is certain, there is no such success without effort.

Today there are no organizations seeking a new investigation, at least none of which I know.

In a sense, the truth has been told - most Americans no know that they were lied to by their government when their President was assassinated. What remains is for the successor governments to acknowledge this. I doubt if it is possible to do more now.

Again many thanks.

Best wishes,

Harold

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